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Thomas R. Kuhn
President

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The Honorable K. Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Edison Electric Institute, I would like to invite you to address our fall Board & CEO conference at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on Wednesday, September 6, or the morning of Thursday, September 7.

As you will recall, the Edison Electric Institute is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric power companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our fall CEO meeting is an ideal venue for you to interact with the top executives from energy companies in EEI's membership.

In light of your prominent role in the Trump Administration, our CEOs would be very eager to hear your views about a wide range of public policy issues involving energy and the environment, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure, including transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We also would appreciate your thoughts on ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally, including potential changes to species and avian regulatory frameworks in particular.

We would envision remarks of approximately 20-25 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period with our Board members. We can certainly be flexible in seeking to accommodate your schedule. As a planning matter, our CEO conferences are entirely closed to the news media.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-508-5555, or tkuhn@eei.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kuhn".

Thomas R. Kuhn